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Dear Basketballers,

As 2008 draws to a close, SA Defence Basketball would like to acknowledge and thank everyone who has been a part of this season at every level, from social lunch-time basketball through to our SA representative teams.

The season began with an Exhibition game at Minlaton on the Yorke Peninsula versus SA Country Basketball Council, whereby team members promoted Defence Jobs for a very appreciative basketball crowd.

Our annual SA Inter-Service Basketball Tournament was our largest self-promoted event. Held at the beginning of October, two female teams and five male teams competed at RAAF Base Edinburgh. We also recognised Justin Galbraith as our first inductee into the SADB Hall of Fame.

Our SA teams then prepared tirelessly with trainings through to the Championships, with an additional Exhibition Game versus University of South Australia in November.

Our year culminated in the recent ADF National Basketball Combined Championships held early December at RAAF Base Laverton, Victoria.

Such a successful year has required a high level of involvement from players, which was made possible through the tremendous support given by Supervisors, Managers and Commanding Officers who have permitted the time and provided resources which have made 2008 the success we have enjoyed.

Thank you to our supporters; Defence Jobs, Australian Defence Credit Union, Defence Health, Hardwood Australia, Air Force News and Air Force Sports Council who contributed sponsorship, resources, time and expertise for our benefit. Thank you especially to Australian Defence Sports Council and the Australian Defence Basketball Association for giving your full support to our Exhibition Game format, which has helped elevate the profile of Defence Jobs through basketball in the civilian community.

We also extend to Nick Birdseye & Associates a very big thank you for the direct sponsorship provided over our last two seasons.



Thank you to Combat Support Unit – Edinburgh for assisting our planning and allocating resources in support of all our activities through the Base Gymnasium, Road Movements and Photo graphics section.

The SADB committee has achieved further milestones which have reflected in the healthy state of our organisation. Our website www.sadb.basketball.net.au with the support of Basketball Australia and Sporting Pulse has enabled us to market our web presence. This presence is extended through Facebook for communication & event reminders and Wikipedia for our history. Our committee has admirably organised SADB in a fashion that will accommodate the future growth in personnel posted to South Australia.

We have much to look forward to in 2009 and with some very fine athletes posted our way our future is looking bright. I would encourage you to visit our website for an overview of activities planned in the year ahead.

I wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas and your continued support of SADB in the New Year.

Yours sincerely,



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